

~~Dorchester County, Dorchester, Caroline, Kent, and Queen Anne's counties.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 2-309(g), (k), (p), (s), and (v)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

2-309.

(g) (1) The Sheriff of Caroline County shall receive an annual salary of \$45,000 in 1995 and in each subsequent year.

(2) (I) The Sheriff may appoint:

1. [deputy] DEPUTY sheriffs and other personnel in accordance with the County budget; AND

2. A CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF, OR THE MANAGERIAL EQUIVALENT, WHO SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SHERIFF.

(II) THE SHERIFF MAY NOT REFUSE TO REAPPOINT A DEPUTY SHERIFF WITHOUT JUST CAUSE.

(k) (1) The Sheriff of Dorchester County shall receive an annual salary of \$45,000 and be allowed the actual operating costs of the Sheriff's office, including the maintenance of automobiles.

(2) (i) The Sheriff shall appoint a chief deputy [sheriff] SHERIFF, OR THE MANAGERIAL EQUIVALENT, WHO SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SHERIFF.

(ii) If an employee of the Sheriff's office is appointed as chief deputy sheriff and is subsequently removed from the chief deputy sheriff's position for other than cause, the person may resume the employment status held prior to the appointment to the chief deputy sheriff's position.

(iii) The chief deputy sheriff shall:

1. Perform all duties assigned by the Sheriff; and
2. If the Sheriff is temporarily incapacitated or there is a vacancy in the office of the Sheriff, perform all legal functions of the Sheriff.

(iv) If the Sheriff becomes incapacitated and the position of chief deputy sheriff is vacant, the County Commissioners shall appoint an acting chief deputy sheriff to serve until the Sheriff is reactivated or replaced.